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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL OPINION WAS SPLIT ON WHETHER THE ROC SHOULD HAVE AGREED TO A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED ITS TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPICS. FROM THE FIRM STANCE ADOPTED BY THE TEAM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GROC WAS NOT WILLING TO USE THE OLYMPICS AS A FORUM FOR DEMONSTRATING ANY FLEXIBILITY ON ITS CLAIM TO BE THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ALL OF CHINA. ALTHOUGH THE TEAM'S INABILITY TO COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS WAS DISAPPOINTING, MOST PEOPLE HERE VIEW THE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY AND SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR THE ROC AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT AS A MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY. SOME HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE US AND PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS PROVE THAT THE US IS STILL WILLING TO SUPPORT THE ROC WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE ROC OLYMPICS TEAM RETURNED TO TAIWAN ON JULY 19 AND WAS GIVEN A HERO'S WELCOME. THE TEAM WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY HIGH-RANKING GROC OFFICIALS, INCLUDING EDUCATION MINISTER CHIANG YEN-SHIH, AND WAS FETED AT LUNCH AND DINNER. LARGE CROWDS WERE ALSO AT THE AIRPORT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE TEAM'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE ROC'S POSITION.

3. THE CANADIAN POSITION REGARDING ROC PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS HAS BEEN OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS A SOURCE OF INDIGNATION, FRUSTRATION, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND, FINALLY, RESIGNATION. LOCAL OPINION, BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE, WAS SPLIT ON WHETHER THE ROC SHOULD HAVE AGREED TO A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE TEAM TO PARTICIPATE. EDUCATION MINISTER CHIANG CHAIRED A SENIOR-LEVEL GOVERNMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH GUIDED THE TEAM IN REACHING A DECISION. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG HSI-KUN, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO ARGUED THE GROC COULD NOT AFFORD TO YIELD ON THE USE OF ITS NAME AT THE OLYMPICS, WHILE APACL SECRETARY-GENERAL HAN LI-WU, WHO ALSO ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO SUPPORTED REACHING A COMPROMISE.

4. FROM THE FIRM POSITION FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TEAM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THOSE OPPOSING ANY COMPROMISE CARRIED THE DAY. GIVEN THE RECENT FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY SOME IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE "GERMAN MODEL" IN DEFINING THE ROC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC, SOME LOCAL OBSERVERS EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE GROC WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY THE OLYMPICS BROUHAHA TO ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ROC'S CLAIM TO BE THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ALL OF CHINA. HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT THAT WHATEVER THE GROC POSITION OF THIS ISSUE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, THOSE MAKING THE DECISION DID NOT VIEW THE OLYMPICS AS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO INDICATE ANY POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY.

5. DESPITE THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE OLYMPICS, MOST PEOPLE HERE VIEW THE INCIDENT AS A
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MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR THE ROC. THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE SUPPORT THE ROC RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS OLYMPICS TEAMS AND GOVERNMENTS AND WITH THE WARM RECEPTION THE TEAM RECEIVED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE US. INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPUTY DIRECTOR WEI YUNG SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE ROC COULD HAVE ACHIEVED THE SAME RESULT WITHOUT SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY TO SEND THE ENTIRE TEAM TO THE US. HOWEVER, WEI SAID THAT WHEN HE RAISED THIS

POINT WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN FU (FRED CHIEN),
CHIEN SAID THAT ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL-
SPENT IF IT RESULTED IN THE TYPE OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY
AND SYMPATHY WHICH THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO GARNER IN THE US.

6. PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS ON THE QUESTION OF ROC
PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS WERE WARMLY APPRECIATED HERE.
WHILE SOME ROC OFFICIALS INTERPRETED THE PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS AS BEING PRIMARILY AIMED AT SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE
OF THE RIGHT OF MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO PARTICI-
PATE IN MEETINGS OF THOSE BODIES, MOST INTERPRETED THE
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AS AN INDICATION OF CONTINUING SUPPORT
FOR THE ROC. EMBOFFS HAVE RECEIVED MANY EXPRESSIONS OF
THANKS FROM THOSE IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, AND SOME
HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE
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